

(ii) The Government of Rajasthan has been requested to ensure that the Keoladeo National Park receives water on priority whenever there is drought.

(iv) Government of Uttar Pradesh have declared several wetlands, which are likely to be used by the Siberian cranes as wintering grounds, as wildlife sanctuaries. Central assistance is being extended to these sanctuaries.

(v) Government of India is party to the Convention on Conservation of Migratory Species, which is instrumental in promoting international cooperation in preserving endangered migratory species like the Siberian crane.

Halt of Coromandal Express at Balasore

3161. DR. KARTIKESWARPATRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a demand for halting of Coromandal Express at Balasore station; and

(b) if so, when the halt will be provided there in view of the industrial importance of the district?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) At present there is no proposal to provide halt of Coromandal Express at Balasore Station.

Late Running of Neelachal Express

3162. DR. KARTIKESWARPATRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the regular late running of Neelachal Express from New Delhi to Puri;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof; and

(c) the remedial measures being contemplated in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Alarm chain pulling, accidents, agitations and equipment failures.

(c) Intensive chasing and regular monitoring.

Privatisation of Duty Free Shops

3163. SHRI HARI KISHORE SINGH: SHRI PRITHIVIRAJ D. CHAVAN: SHRI BHUVNESHWAR PRASAD MEHTA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to privatise duty free shops at the International airports in the country ; and

(b) if so, the details and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). Global tenders have been invited by the International Airports Authority of India for the development of Shopping Plaza in Transit Areas of International Terminal Buildings at Bombay and Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi. This has been done with the objective of upgrading the present shopping complex as well as to enhance the present revenues of Interna-